

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (currently amended) An apparatus comprising:
a substantially planar body; and
an input key wherein said input key is attachable to said body and the input key is actuatable in an axis perpendicular to the plane of said substantially planar body, and wherein the input key is arranged such that the input key is configured to provide user input by~~for~~ relative movement along confronting surfaces of said body and said input key wherein said relative movement is rotational about an axis which extends perpendicular to an operating face of the planar body wherein the apparatus is a key arrangement configured for a hand-portable electronic device.
2. (previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 1 wherein the confronting surfaces touch.
3. (previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 2 wherein the confronting surfaces annularly touch.
4. (canceled)
5. (canceled)
6. (canceled)
7. (previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 1 wherein said body comprises a substantially planar recessed area within which said input key is substantially located.

8. (previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 1 wherein said body comprises a stanchion.

9. (previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 8 wherein said stanchion is an actuable key.

10. (previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 1 wherein said body comprises a plurality of actuable keys.

11. (previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 1 wherein said input key is a rotary key.

12. (previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 11 wherein said rotary key is an annular key.

13. (previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 1 wherein said body is a flexible mat.

14. (canceled)

15. (previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 1 wherein said input key is detachable from said body.

16. (previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 1 for a radiotelephone.

17. (previously presented) A radiotelephone including an apparatus according to claim 1.

18. (canceled)

19. (currently amended) A method comprising:

providing a substantially planar body configured for a hand-portable electronic device,
and

attaching an input key to said body so as to be actuable in an axis perpendicular to the plane of said substantially planar body and operable for relative movement along confronting surfaces of said body and said input key wherein said relative movement is rotational about an axis which extends perpendicular to an operating face of the planar body.

20. (previously presented) The method of claim 19 wherein the confronting surfaces touch.

21. (previously presented) The method of claim 19 wherein the confronting surfaces annularly touch.

22. (currently amended) An apparatus comprising:

a substantially planar body;

an input key; and

means for attaching said input key to said body so as to be actuable in an axis perpendicular to the plane of said substantially planar body and operable for relative movement along confronting surfaces of said body and said input key wherein said relative movement is rotational about an axis which extends perpendicular to an operating face of the planar body wherein the apparatus is a key arrangement configured for a hand-portable electronic device.

23. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 22 wherein the confronting surfaces touch.